

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for making the start to our school year so positive. The children have come back with smiles on their faces and really taken on the challenge of beginning to learn in school again. We are reviewing our systems and practice constantly to make sure our school remains a safe place to be during the COVID 19 restrictions.

We are reminding the children about social distancing and the importance of washing hands regularly. We really appreciate your support in teaching the children how to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

### **What does my child need to bring to school?**

To clarify what each child needs to bring to school. A coat, a water bottle and their packed lunch if they are on sandwiches in a disposable bag. **No bags** are required. Water bottles are to be filled with water.

If your child is having a school meal, it is the parent/carer responsibility to order their own child's meals via the School grid. Please make sure this is done in advance as the kitchen is informed early in the morning.

### **PE Days**

P.E. Classes will be held on the following days. New PE tops have been ordered and as soon as they arrive at school, these will be sent home, they are the same as last year.

On PE days your child is required to come dressed in their PE top, PE shorts, their school jumper and if required a pair of plain black/blue tracksuit bottoms and plain trainers.

Reception – Mrs Gill will advise later in the term.

Year 1 – Monday

Year 2 – Thursday

Year 3 – Wednesday

Year 4 – Monday

Year 5 – Tuesday

Year 6 – Friday

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Inter School Sports. All children to wear their PE kit on this day.

### **Pick up and drop off**

Thank you for all your help in dropping off and collecting your children. Our staggered system is working well, but sometimes there is congestion by the gate. Please drop off your child and try to leave the gate and pavement accessible for others arriving at later times.

Year 2 and 3 children only will be using the top gate from Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September where a member of staff will supervise them coming into the building

We would stress that these times need to be adhered to, do not come early so bottle-necks remain accessible in entrances and that as soon as you have collected your child/children you leave the school premises. A timetable is below.

## GUIDANCE for Covid Testing

- If children have any of the major symptoms suggesting COVID-19 they must get tested.
- The major symptoms are: new continuous cough, fever, loss of taste or smell.
- Until the test results are back the child and all family members must remain at home and self-isolate, but only those people who have symptoms need to be tested.
- **Children who have symptoms of other common illnesses for example a runny nose or upset stomach, do not need to be tested or isolated.** The usual practice applies in these cases.

Please see below the government information of what you need to do.

### New student forms

Year 1 and Year 2 – forms were sent out on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September/Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Please return by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

It is important for all contact details to be up-to-date due to the current climate and that if there are any changes, please email school [gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk). If we do not receive a form back from yourselves we will presume there are no changes.

The forms have been enveloped 72 hours prior to us sending them out. Please ensure you return the form **in the envelope**. They will be processed after 72 hours.

Year 3 and Year 4 – forms will be sent home on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

### Flu forms

The whole school (Reception – Year 6 children) forms have been sent home. Please complete the form and return the form in the envelope. There is a post box in the bottom playground for you to return any forms/letters.

### September 2020

A reminder that as of September 2020 parents will no longer be able to pay by cash for anything in school e.g. school trips, school activities, everything will need to be paid online. If you require any help in accessing your online accounts, please contact [gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk)

School dinners will be paid via Dolce as usual and everything else via schools cash office. The only exception to this will be charity events and fairs where we will still be able to take cash.

### I.T. support available to parents

In the event of disruption to face to face education at schools due to coronavirus (COVID-19), DfE can provide support to help disadvantaged children and young people who are otherwise unable to access remote education.

Parents who are eligible may follow the link below and complete a small survey including their child's name.

In order to help us identify these children please complete this short survey by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September and then the school will receive a report to confirm which parent has completed the survey.

Here is the link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NRW3PFZ>

### Y6 Bikeability

Y6 children missed the opportunity to take part in the bikeability training to support children in being safe on the roads when they are riding their bikes. Year 6 will be bringing home a letter in an envelope with all the details. Please return any information in the envelope and post in the post box in the bottom playground.

### Picture News

Please find attached this week's Picture News poster. Picture News is a resource used in school to promote discussion around current issues. Each week there is a homework activity with an image and a question. We would encourage you to talk about this at home with the children. There are no right or wrong answers, it is a forum for discussion.

Regards

The Leadership Team



Mrs C Harris  
Head of School



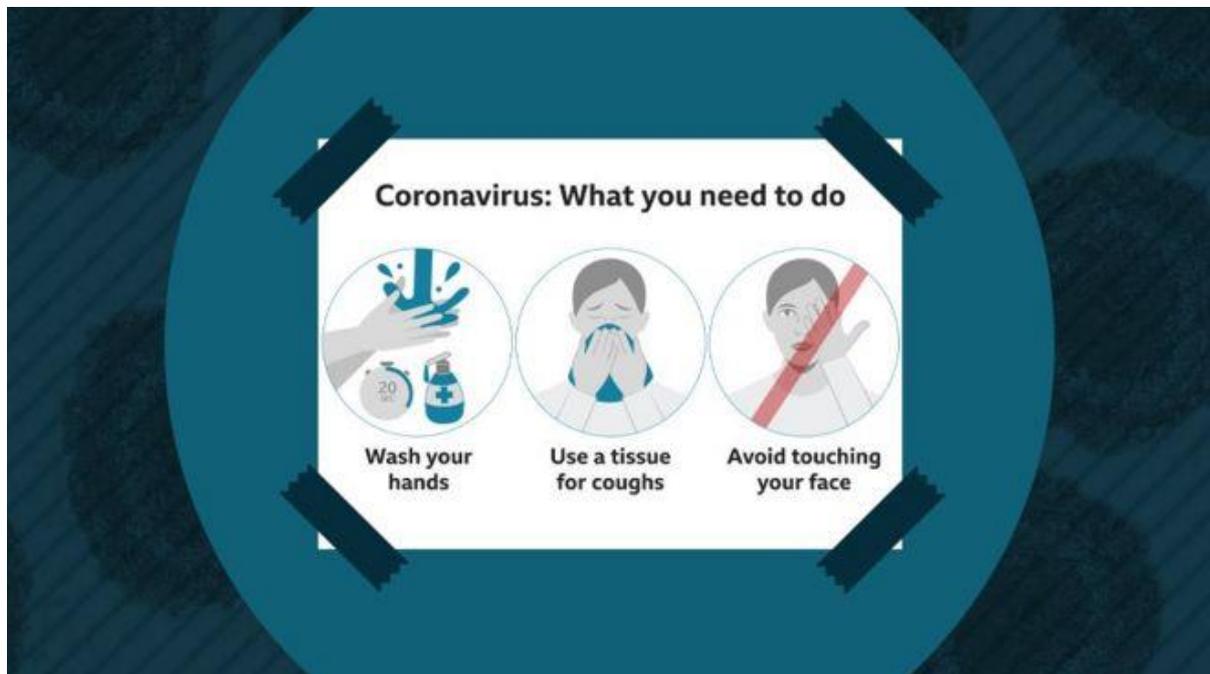
Mrs P Gill  
Deputy Head of School

<u>Upcoming Diary Dates</u>		
Dates	Event	Who is it for?
Friday 18 September	Announcement of Academy Council members and Academy Captains	Classes
Tuesday 29th September	Inter Sports Day	Whole school to wear their PE kit for the day.
w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability	Year 6
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Break up for half term	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Return to school	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas	

**Gawthorpe Community Academy**  
**Drop Off and Pick up times from September 2020**

Date	Drop Off Time	Group	Entrance	Zone	Pick Up Time	Pick up Zone
08.09	8.35 am	Year 6	Y6 Door		3.05 pm	Bottom Playground
08.09	8.35 am	Year 4	Y4/5 Door		3.05pm	Bottom Staff Car Park
08.09	8.45 am	Year 5	Y4/5 Door		3.15pm	Bottom Staff Car Park
08.09	8.40 am	Year 1	Y1 Door		3.10pm	Outside Band room
See Letter from Mrs Gill	8.50 am	Reception	Reception Door		3.20pm	Slope
08.09	8.45 am	Year 2	Front Door		3.15 pm	Top Car Park
08.09	8.35 am	Year 3	Front Door		3.05 pm	Top Car Park

**Please note:** For families with more than one child at the academy, please drop off at the **latest** time and pick up at the **latest** time.



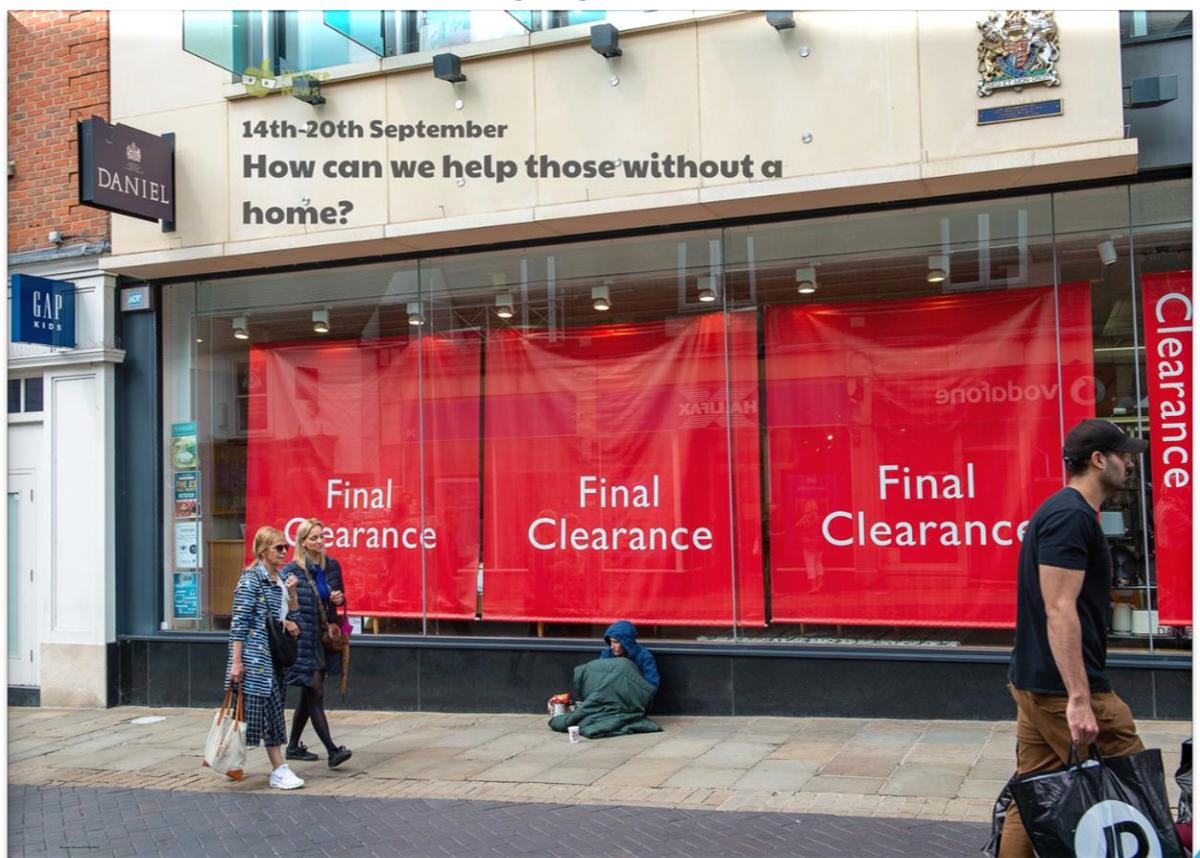


# Picture News

*at Home*

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**What's going on this week?**



A number of charities, including Streets Kitchen and the Glass Door Homeless Charity, are campaigning for empty commercial buildings to become makeshift shelters this winter. They are predicting that there will be an increase in the number of people who become homeless over the coming weeks and months due to increases in job losses caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

*Things to talk about at home...*

-  Do you think that using empty buildings to help homeless people is a good idea?
-  Can you think of any other ways in which we could help the homeless?
-  Are there any homeless shelters or charities in your local area? Can you find out about the work that they do?

*Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...*